

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

September 4, 2007

CALL TO PODIUM:

Fred Felton
Assistant City Manager

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Fred Felton
Assistant City Manager
Sarah Paxton
Executive Assistant to the
City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment (Reappointments)
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
X	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other: From Staff

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	08/01/07
Hearing Date	8/20/07
Record Held Open	08/29/07
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND SECTION 27 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE IN CITY ELECTIONS

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

As outlined in the attached memorandum, the Board of Supervisors of Elections has recommended that the Mayor and City Council consider amending Section 27 of the City Charter to modify the procedures to register to vote in City Elections.

Prior to 1977, residents had to register with the City Board of Supervisors of Elections to participate in City Elections. In an effort to increase voter turnout, the Mayor and City Council amended Section 27 of the City Charter in 1977 to provide that any City resident registered to vote with Montgomery County could participate in City Elections.

As late as the mid-1990's, there were still a few City residents who remained on the City's voter registry; however, at this point there is no one on the City's voter registry.

This Charter Amendment would eliminate the City's voter registry to reflect current practices whereby all City residents who participate in City Elections are registered with the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

A public hearing was held on August 20, 2007. There was no public comment during the hearing. The record closed as of 5:00 pm on August 29, 2007, and no public comment was submitted.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Resolution is ready for final action.

Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND
SECTION 27 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR
REGISTERING TO VOTE IN CITY ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, prior to 1977, residents were required to register separately with the City to participate in City Elections; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, the City Charter was amended to provide that “any person who has domicile within the City may register to vote in City elections by registering to vote in Montgomery County elections...”; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no residents registered to vote on the City voter registration list; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Elections has recommended that the Charter be amended to reflect the current practice whereby all residents who participate in City Elections are registered to vote with the Montgomery County Board of Elections:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section 27 of the City Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27. Qualifications of voters; registration.

(a) Any person who has his domicile in the city and is qualified by law to vote in Montgomery County elections shall be qualified to vote in city elections. Any person who will be eighteen (18) years of age on or before the day of the next succeeding regular or special city election shall be qualified to vote in said election.

~~(b) Registration of qualified voters shall be permitted in the city offices during regular office hours every day such offices are open, and at such other times and places as the council may establish from time to time by resolution, except, that registration shall not be permitted within thirty (30) days immediately prior to any general or special city election, excluding runoff elections, in which case the same voter registration list used in the regular general or special election causing the runoff election shall be used. In addition to registration at the city offices, .~~ Any person who has his domicile within the city may register to vote in city elections by registering to vote in Montgomery County elections; provided, that such registration must reflect that the registrant has a residential address located within the incorporated limits of the city on voting registration records with Montgomery County more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the city election at which such person seeks to vote. ~~The board of supervisors of elections is authorized to strike from the registration lists any person who has died, or who has become ineligible to vote in city elections, or who has not voted in a city election, general, primary, special or~~

~~referendum, within the five (5) preceding calendar years. Registration of any person shall be permanent until stricken pursuant hereto. Every person who has his domicile in the city and has registered to vote in city elections pursuant to this section shall be a qualified voter in the city.~~

ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2007.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing
Resolution was adopted by the City Council
in public meeting assembled on the ____
day of _____.

David B. Humpton, City Manager